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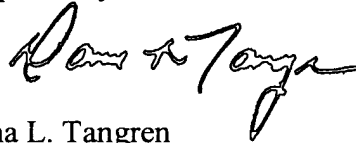
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In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3), the following concise explanation of the relevance of each listed reference that is not in the English language and unaccompanied by a translation into English is provided.

European Application No. 0 470 001 A1 discloses a process for electrokinetic dehydration of a product consisting of a suspension of solid particles in a liquid, the said solid particles exhibiting an electrokinetic potential P_z , characterized in that the said dehydration process consists: in filling with the said suspension a slide cell at the bottom of which is arranged a first electrode of a sign opposite to the said electrokinetic potential P_z , in placing, facing the said first electrode, an electrophoresis electrode of a sign opposite to the first electrode, in performing an electrophoresis operation until a paste consisting of the said solid particles is obtained at the first electrode, in replacing the said electrophoresis electrode with an electroosmosis electrode equipped with a porous membrane, in subjecting the said paste to a pressure force directed towards the first electrode, in simultaneously performing an electroosmosis operation until a crust consisting of the said solid particles is obtained. Application especially to the sludge originating from the processing of ores.

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